# CLEARING THE PATH FOR SUCCESSFUL TRANSITIONS

ENGAGING THE FIRST-GENERATION STUDENT

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#### OPENING REFLECTION



- Reflect on past experiences with college students.
- Choose ONE WORD that defines you perspective of students' college success.

• Respond using Poll Everywhere; instructions on the following slide.

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#### **Student Success Reflection**

#### WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

Describe literature pertinent to first-generation college student completion

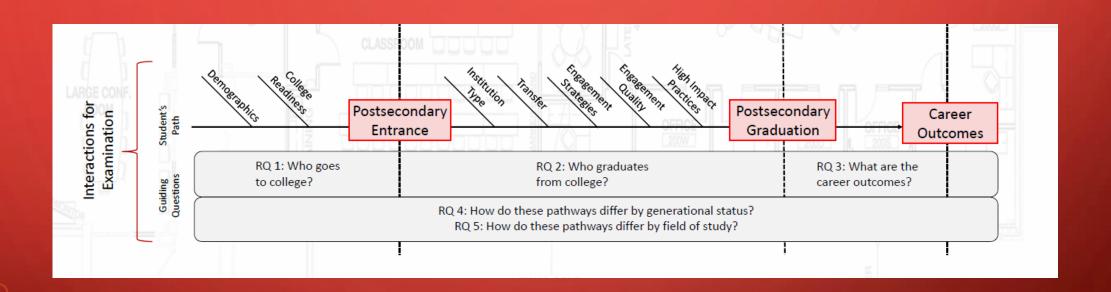
• Identify strategies to support students' transitions throughout their college path

 Begin to develop a personal plan to support undergraduate, first-generation students

# OBJECTIVE 1

DESCRIBE LITERATURE PERTINENT TO FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT COMPLETION

### GUIDING FRAMEWORK



# COLLEGE, SO WHAT?



Completion of a college degree can be important because:

- Career outcomes are equivalent for first and continuing generational graduates<sup>1, 2</sup>.
- Educational attainment correlates to career outcomes, such as monthly income<sup>2</sup>, unemployment and underemployment<sup>3</sup>.
- Accrued debt-load from college reduces the value of investing in personal education without degree attainment<sup>4</sup>.

# FIRST-GEN, WHAT'S DIFFERENT?

- Documented historic trends for first-generation students being underprepared academically and socially compared to continuing-gen counterparts<sup>5</sup>.
- Traditionally often possess other descriptors that have shown to be disadvantageous to college success<sup>5</sup>.
- Traditionally have high rates for variables that predict dropping out; such as, math skills  $^{2, 5}$ , transfer $^{6}$ , changing major $^{7}$ .

# RELEVANCY TO OHIO STATE

• Over-representation of first-gen students by major, and campus type<sup>8, 9, 10</sup>.

• First-generation students engage differently 11, 12.

# OBJECTIVE 2

IDENTIFY STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT STUDENTS' TRANSITIONS THROUGHOUT THEIR COLLEGE PATH

#### SO WHAT CAN WE DO?

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#### SO WHAT CAN I DO?

- High-impact practices, AACU
  - Collaborative Assignments and Projects
  - Learning Communities
- Fostering a quality relationship with students
  - Academic Advising
  - Undergraduate Research
- Active Learning Strategies, UCONN
  - Ohio State, <u>University Institute for Teaching and Learning</u>

# **OBJECTIVE 3**

BEGIN TO DEVELOP A PERSONAL PLAN TO SUPPORT UNDERGRADUATE, FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS

## MHAT WILL DO NEXTS



• Pick one idea (literature, strategy, technique, etc.) that resonated with you today, and begin to develop a personal plan for how you will integrate that into your daily work.

• Write, into your notes, a possible beginning step towards integrating that idea into your daily work.

# THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

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